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Two Views of Japan

## Oh, Fair Japan

"OH, fair Japan; Oh, rare Japan
Thou land of ancient trees,
Where lotus blossoms fringe thy paths
And perfume every breeze.

"Where lilies bend their fragrant heads
To kiss thy plashing streams,
And dark-skinned musme, almond-eyed,
Wake long forgotten dreams.

"Thy hills, crown-capp'd with sacred groves
Inclose thy gilded shrines;
In grottos where the iris blooms
Droop sweet wistaria vines.

"Mysterious languor seems to hang
O'er mountain, plain and rill;
An unreality of life,
Does all the senses fill.

"Thine ancient shrines to Buddha blest,
With Shinto's gilded spires,
Proclaim a soul-sustaining rest,
And wake poetic fires.

"Oh, sweet it is to dwell with thee!
'Land of the Rising Sun,'—
Where beauty, art and mystery
Combine themselves in one."

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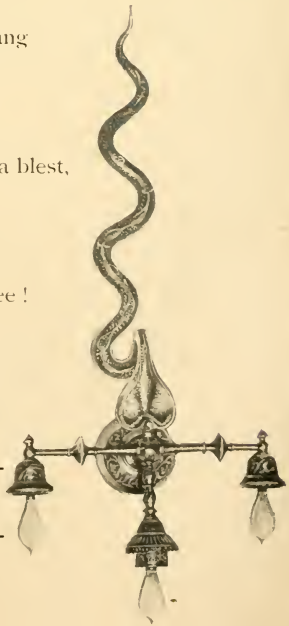


I **Wonder** what to give—to her
So fair, who's made to grace
the name
Of some brave chap.
Or, where to find the treasures
Of ancient Cathay rare, or jewels—

**"Vantine's"**

## Jewels

IN gorgeous and barbaric mountings
of the Orient.

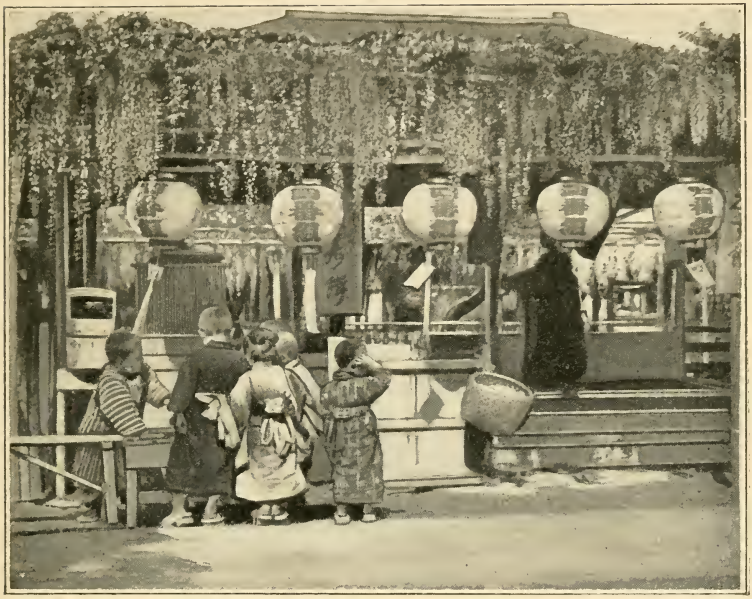
Jeypore gold enamel.

Old Turkish and Persian silver.

Burmese, Lucknow and Madras silver.

## Delhi Jewelry

Necklaces, Tiaras,
Stomachers, Rings,
Seals, Bracelets, Pendants,
Long Chains, Chain Purses,
Embroidered and
Jeweled Card Cases.
Indian Pearls, Rubies,
Emeralds, Turquoise,
Opals, Amethysts,
Topaz, Sapphires,
Jade Alexanderites.



## Ivory Carvings

Most artistic subjects finely executed :

Musme, Daruma, San Sara, Eno, Torii, Kirin, Jinricksha, Netsuké and original Japanese groups.

## Ivory Toilet Articles

Carved and plain in open stock, with spaces for monograms and crests :

Hair Brushes, Mirrors, Hairpin Boxes, Combs, Powder Boxes, Cuticle Knives, Nail Files, Corn Knives, Nail Polishers, Trays, Manicure Articles, Shoe Horns, Paper Knives, Shoe Buttoners, Back Combs, Jewel Boxes, Glove Boxes, Picture Frames, Sewing Sets.

AN IVORY CARVING OF KWANNON THE GODDESS OF MERCY

I **Wonder** what to give—the things
That few scarce dare to give a tho't
Because in far-off countries wrought?
The things removed from average store—except

**"Vantine's"**

## Eastern Stuffs

INDIAN Embroidered Muslin,
India Mull. India Mull, gold embroidered—
Rampore Chudda Shawls—white, gray, black
Parsee silk embroidered Sari
Scind and Kutch silk embroidered skirts;

Silk embroidered Orneys;
Phoolcarries, Ghagras, Bokhara
Rhodian, Casearin, Bulgarian
Scutari velvet pieces; Cushions and
Table Covers, Scarfs and
Antique Draperies; Anatolian
Curtains; Turkish Gold and
Silver embroidered Capes;
Bolero Jackets
Pina Gauze from the Philippines
Turkish Slippers.
Gold and Silver Delhi Embroidery
Baroda Embroidery in all widths,
by the yard.

THE BLENDED COLORS OF ANTIQUITY LEND AN UNIQUE VALUE TO THESE EASTERN TAPESTRIES AND EMBROIDERIES.

## Objects of Art

Vases, Koros, Jardinières,
Urns, Candlesticks,
Umbrella Stands,
Figures, in a wide
and comprehensive
variety of shapes and wares.

## Bronze, Brass, Cloisonné

Silver Cloissonné, Satsuma,
Kutani, Hirado, Kaga, Arita,
Imari, Keishiu, Awadji, Tokenabi,
Banko, Kozan, Satu, Makibi
and specimens by all the noted
makers. Chinese Antiques,
Sang de Boef, five color pieces,
Celadon, Blue Ginger Jars
and Vases.

THE VILLAGERS

I **Wonder** what to give—to one
That's blest with all that usual shop
Supplies. Something out the common run
Some different place I fain would seek—

**"Vantine's"**

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# Embroideries

## Japan China

CANTON silk, crêpe embroidered Shawls.

Chinese grass linen embroidered table covers.

Center Pieces and Doylies in white, and blue and white.

Japanese silk embroidered Center Pieces, Scarfs, Doylies and Table Covers.

Japanese Kimonos in satin, silk, crêpe and cotton.

Japanese wadded silk house Jackets, and long coats for men and women.

Chinese embroidered Coats and Skirts.

Japanese, Chinese and Kora Silks in white, black and plain colors.

Printed Silks in the most genteel and advanced designs.

Japanese crêpe, Canton crêpe, plain and in colors.

Silk embroidered Shikii Silk in all plain colors.

I **Wonder** what to give—unique;
Or where to seek for something new,
To please the boy, the maid, the matron too—

**"Vantine's"**

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## Porcelains and Potteries

Cups and Saucers, Plates, Sugar and Creams,
Teté-a-teté Sets, Teapots,
Chocolate Pots. Trays, Bowls,
Pitchers, Bouillon Cups. Odd
and fancy Dishes. Brush
Trays. Old Blue Canton
and Gold Medallion Ware.
Mikado, Tokio, Gauske,
Hon Kin, Kaga, Arita,
Imari, Kutani, Hirado
and all the favorite
wares, besides a variety
of antiques in pottery and
porcelain with the
beautifully blended colorings
of the various periods.

# Vantine's Oriental Perfumes

ENDURING ODORS

EXTRACTS—

Gul Reazee "Indian Rose:" Sandalwood
Viorenta: "Turkish Violet"
Portocal Auzama: "Indian Orange"
Chi Chi: "Indian Pot Pourri"

1 oz., $ .50 2 oz., $1.00 4 oz., $1.50

## Eastern Toilet Waters

Geisha Flowers
Hana Violet
Sandalwood

8 oz. Bottles

$1.00

## Temple Incense

The burning powder of Buddhism

8 oz. Package

$1.00

Sachets in all the extract odors, $ .25
Soaps in all the extract odors, .10

The entire line put up in most attractive Oriental packages.

SENT BY MAIL

Oriental Cold Cream, $ .35
India Kutch Talcum Powder (Sandalwood), .25
India Pearl Tooth Powder, .45

# An Epitaph

A LITTLE china figure
On a little bracket sat,
His little feet were always crossed,
He wore a little hat!
And every morning, fair or foul,
In shine or shadows dim,
A pretty little housemaid came
And softly dusted him.

She took him up so gently,
And with such a charming air,
His china soul was melted quite,
He loved her to despair.
All day he sat and thought of her,
Until the twilight came,
And in his china dream at night
He breathed her little name.

One day while being dusted,
In his joy he trembled so,
To feel her little fingers, that,
Alas! she let him go.
In vain she tried to grab him back,
Fate willed it they should part;
He fell against the fender edge,
And broke his china heart.

She gathered up the fragments,
And she told a little lie,
Expounding to her mistress how
The cat had made him die.
And on the following morning, when
The shutters back she thrust,
She spoke his little epitaph—
"There's one less thing to dust."

I **Wonder** what to give—those gifts
That savor of the East, gifts fanciful and odd,
That suit all needs, all climes, all minds?
Of a surety but one place I know—

**"Vantine's"**

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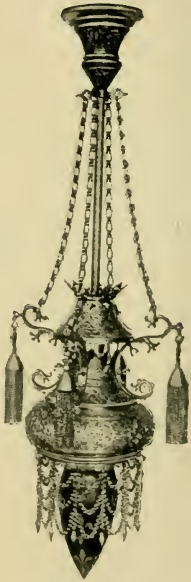
## Chinese Teakwood

Tables, Cabinets, Chairs,
Marble Top Stands and Stools,
Screens, Wall Brackets.



## Japanese Carved

Tables, Cabinets, Dressers, Chairs.

## Indian Blackwood

Sofas, Chairs, Cabinets,
Fancy Tables, Tabourettes,
Screens.

## Saranapour

Tabourettes, Stands,
Wall Pockets, Cabinets,
Tables.

## Multan

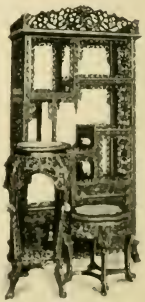
Brass and Ivory Inlaid
Chairs, Cabinets,
Tabourettes, Fancy Tables.

## Chinese Rattan

Chairs, Sofas.

## Bamboo

Tables, Chairs, Stools,
Brackets, Cabinets.



ILLUSTRATING
THE RICH BLACK
AND RED
HAND-CARVED
TEAKWOOD
OF THE EAST.

# Vantine's
# Steamer Basket

LASTS THE VOYAGE

Unique delicacies of the Orient:

Crystallized Pineapple,
Comquats, Stem Ginger,
Guava Jelly, Stuffed Figs,
Turkish Delight, Stuffed Dates,
Spanish Nugat, Crystallized
Ginger, Madras Salts.

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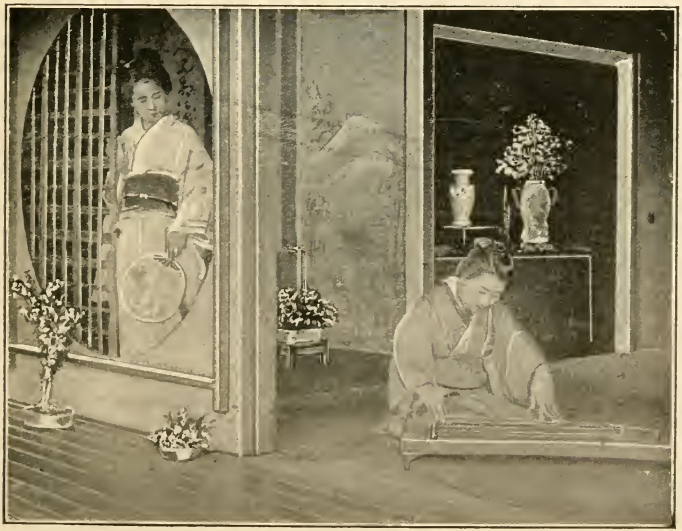
VANTINE'S TEAS ARE CAREFULLY SELECTED AND COMPRISE A VARIETY OF 40 DIFFERENT BLENDS.

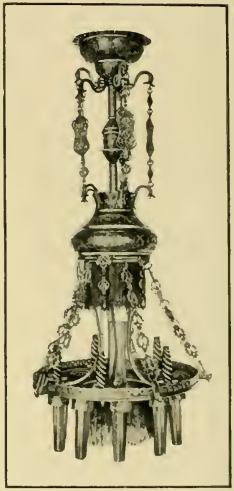
Vantine's Yo-Sa Coffee represents the finest private estate grade—delicious in flavor, remarkable for strength.



IDLE HOURS AT HOME

I **Wonder** what to give—the products
Of the cunning hand, long trained with wondrous care
In fashioning rugs of richest hue, in moulding urns and koros rare?
I'll ween there's but one Mecca—where?

## "Vantine's"



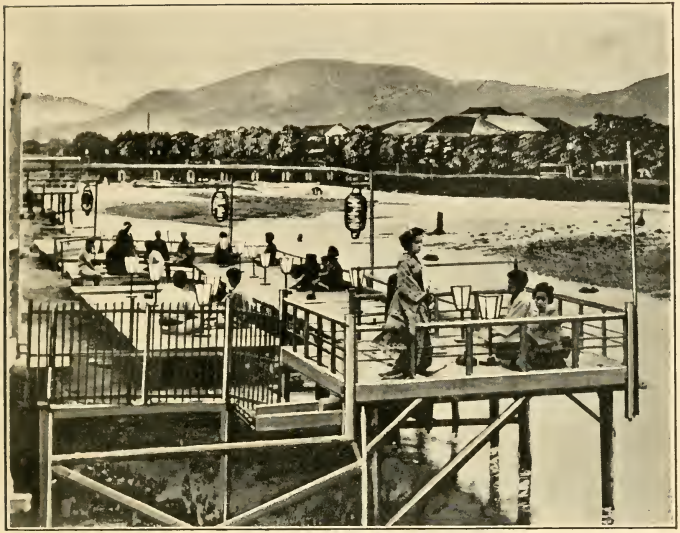
## Oriental Rugs

ORIENTAL rugs are a kismet amongst gifts; lasting and unfading art works of the East. They blend the mellow lights of age and friendship.

The Oriental rug invariably forms one of the most appropriate of wedding and holiday gifts.

Afghan, Anatolia, Bokhara,
Candahar, Cashmere, Coula,
Dagestan, Ferehan, Guenji,
Ghiordes, Gulistan,
Hamadan, Iran,
Japanese, Kermansha,
Khorassan, Merzapore,
Mossoul, Oushak,
Pekin, Senna, Savalan,
Shirvan.
All weaves; all countries; all prices.

THREE ENTIRE FLOORS ARE
DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY
TO ORIENTAL RUGS
AND CARPETS



## Oriental Corners and Other Decorations

We make a special feature of our decorative schemes—have thoroughly competent artist decorators at the beck and call of patrons, for designs, estimates, and the actual supervision of construction work. Here are four exceptionally effective "nooks:"

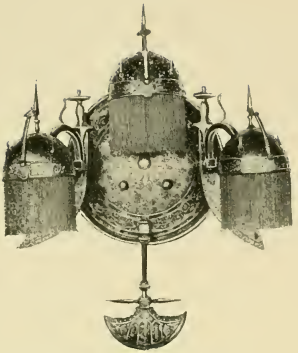
AN INDIAN CORNER of Phoolcarries, Ghagra, Damascus Curtains, Farakabads, Palempores, Spears and Lanterns.

AN ORIENTAL CORNER of Damascus Curtains, Palempores, Ghagras, Lahore and Jeypore Prints, Phoolcarries, Spears, etc.

A TURKISH CORNER of Kis Kelims, Bagdads, Anatolian hangings, divan, lounges and chairs, Ottomans and Bedouin Armor.

A MOORISH CORNER of Phoolcarries, India Skirts, Ghagra, Damascus Curtains, Spears, Fans, etc.

Any desired plan carried out to special order. Vantine's Oriental treatments are frequently used in the form of gifts.



I **Wonder** what to give—the things that tell
Of ages past, of arts now lost;
That show the skill we moderns love?
Forsooth, there's but one spot I know—

**"Vantine's"**

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## Oriental Lamps

LAMPS of Bronze, Syrian Brass, Porcelain, Pottery, Wicker Glaze. Brazier Lamps, tall Floor Lamps in Bronze and Brass. Bracket Lamps. Student Lamps.

Electroliers in Bronze, Brass, Iron and Gilt.
Helmet and Shields.
Mosque Lanterns converted.
Reading Lights.
Drop Lights and Chandeliers.
Port Cochere Lights,
and special ideas for dens and cosey corners.

THE VANTINE GEISHA LAMP SHADE
FROM $2.50 TO $5.00

## Lamp Shades

in Metal, Shell, Paper. Bent, Leaded, and Art Glass. Globe Shades in Eastern shapes and pagoda effects, trimmed with glass, shell, silk and Syrian brass fringe.

# A List of Gifts Costing $10 and Under

Ivory Picture Frames
Sandalwood Picture Frames
Ivory Military Brushes
Ivory Hand Mirrors
Ivory Hair Brushes
Canton Silk Embroidered Shawls
Embroidered Linen Center Pieces
Embroidered Linen Doylies
India Rampor Chudda Shawls
Bronze Lamps and Shades
Turkish Rugs
Cloissonné Vases and Jardinières
Bronze Vases and Jardinières
Ivory Handled Umbrellas
Embroidered Cushions
Silk Dress Lengths
Scarf Pins, Rings and Brooches
Long Neck Chains
Eastern Purses
Embroidered Kimonos
Pearl Stick, Spangled Fans
Teakwood Stands
Harlequin Plates in dozens
Royal Kaga Tea Sets
Egg Shell Porcelain Cups and Saucers
Ivory Carvings

BURNING OF THE DEAD ON THE GANGES

Two Views of Japan

## Oh! Fair (?) Japan

"OH hang Japan; oh dang Japan,
A land of gnats and fleas,
Where noisome odors fill the air
And float on every breeze.
Where men run naked on the streets,
Wear spectacles for clothes,
And old and young, and rich and poor
Eschew the use of hose.

"A land devoid of knives and forks,
Of tables, chairs and beds;
Where women black their teeth and shave
Their little babies' heads—
I've had enough, (I have no use
A quiet New York man)
For all this nude simplicity
Careering 'round Japan.

"Boy, bring my clothes up from the wash
As quickly as you can,
Sir Edwin Arnold writes a lot
Of bosh about Japan.
I'm shivering cold, I'm wringing wet,
I've been an idle dreamer;
To Yokohama let me get,
And there, thank God, a steamer."

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